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from Silver City to Clifton, down in Arizona. They got to York's ranch, which is on the Gila River about thirty miles from Clifton, all right, but were told there that signs of Apaches had been seen, and that they had better go in camp there for a few days, but Knox—who had fought the Apaches dozens of times and didn't know what fear was—said he wanted to make Clifton that day, "Indians or no Indians."

"Well, the Knoxes drove on. When they were about two miles from York's ranch, sure enough a big buck Indian came from behind a low, round-top mesa. Knox knew there were plenty more of the red devils hid there, and that it meant a fight to the death for him. He was as cool as a cucumber. He jumped out of the wagon, filled his pockets with two boxes of cartridges, and then kissed his wife and baby for the last time, but saying that he would have the red skins quieted in a few minutes. He ordered the Mexican driver to lash the team for all he was worth, and to drive back to York's ranch as fast as the horses could jump. Then Knox waived his hand to his wife and said he was going to stand off a few Apaches—although he was sure there was a big band of them. As the team and wagon flew back to the ranch, Knox, rifle in hand, started towards the hill for his last fight. He turned once and waved his sombrero to his wife and child and then strode on to his certain death.

"The Apaches a second later rushed out from behind the hill where they were secreted. Knox fired his rifle, and standing still, pumped lead at them until he fell down dead. The next day a party was made up, and we went out where the fight took place. Knox's body lay there amid the cactus in the sun. The Apaches, contrary to their usual custom, had not mutilated the fellow's body in the least. They had taken a clean pocket handkerchief out of Knox's pocket and carefully spread it over his face, and had fastened it there by putting a small stone on each corner of it to hold it in its place and keep the hot sun from the dead man's face. That was their tribute to the sand in 'Knox. Seventy empty shells were found that had been emptied from Knox's Winchester, and one of the raiding Indians afterwards said that their party numbered forty-two, and that Knox had killed seven of them." —Pomona Progress.

DAN DOBLE OF PENNYROYAL TALKS.

But Mark Twain Had Got Ahead of Him in the Story of Gray Kit's Exploit.

"I feel like a pastor emeritus," said old Dan Doble of Pennyroyal, as he sat down to tell the boys the story of his drive from Bainbridge to Chillicothe. "Ez all uv you know," he said, "it's nineteen miles from Bainbridge to Chillicothe, an' all uv you remember my Poll colt out'n my gray Kit by Referee. Well, once Marthy an' me went to Bainbridge to visit some old friends uv ours, an' we left a Saturday mornin' to come back to Pennyroyal by Chillicothe. I'd jest hitched up an' driv' round t' th' front gate 'n that light express uv mine an' Marthy seen a sheet uv rain a comin' down th' road, goin' tow'rds Chillicothe.

"Let's wait till it's over," sez she. "No, Marthy," sez I, "d'ye think that rain c'n ketch this colt? Climb in quick," sez I.

"In she climbed, an' jest uz we got started th' rain ketched th' hind end uv th' express. Ups I with th' whip an' touched th' mare, an' ups her jumps an' goes, me tellin' Marthy th' it hadn't ben her a waitin' we'd never got th' express wet. There come th' rain right behind us, an' I c'd hear 't patterin' on th' hind end, but th' colt wuz movin' 'n I knowed no rain c'd ketch us. When we went through Bourneville th' people saw us comin' an' they yelled an' cheered me on, each one givin' jest one yell, 'cause they had t' dodge in the doorways t' keep from gettin' wet. When we got t' Slate Mills we begun t' gain, fer it commenced uphill a little there, an' uphill didn't bother th' colt uz much uz t' held back th' rain. In we went to Chillicothe, an' jest uz th' tail end uv th' express got into Gardner's stable down come th' rain, seven seconds behind."

"Dan," said a bright young man, and for the first time in the history of Pennyroyal a doubt of the truth of Dan Doble's stories was expressed. "Dan," I read that in a book a year ago—in Mark Twain's book, I believe."

Pennyroyalists were astounded, and looked at the story teller in blank astonishment. "I don't doubt but you did," said Dan, calmly. "When Mark Twain wuz visitin' me I told him about it, but, sez I, 'Mr. Twain, don't print,' an' he said he wouldn't. But I see he lied to me."

And Pennyroyalists again looked up to Daniel Doble.

HIT IN BATTLE.

That was a good story which the Rev. C. J. K. Jones of Louisville told in a Boston pulpit the other day. He said:

"An alarmist always reminds me of a friend of mine, who was a commander at the battle of Round Mountain. It was a hot fight, one of the hottest of the war. At a particularly intense part of the action my friend stood beside his horse scanning the field with his glass and directing the troops. He told me it seemed as if the fire of the whole Confederacy was centred on him, the bullets thick around him.

"Suddenly he heard a mimic ball singing in the air, and he felt something strike his leg. But the occasion was urgent, and he kept up his glass,

There was another 'pog-g-g,' and he felt another strike. And so it continued.

The captain at last lifted up his hand and prayed. 'O Lord, I can go home to my wife and children without either of my legs, but, O Lord, let me get home.'

"Finally there came the shouts of victory. The battle was won. With a long-drawn sigh the captain turned. He shouted to his orderly at a little distance, 'I'm wounded, Jim. Come and help me on my horse; I must go home. It's my last battle.'

"No, I guess not," replied the orderly.

"What's the matter? Come, hurry up, I'm wounded."

"If you want me to help you, come here," sang out the orderly.

"Not what's the trouble? Why can't you come here? Don't you see I'm wounded and almost dying?"

"Oh, no, you are not," sang out the orderly.

"Come here instantly, you rascal," shouted the commander.

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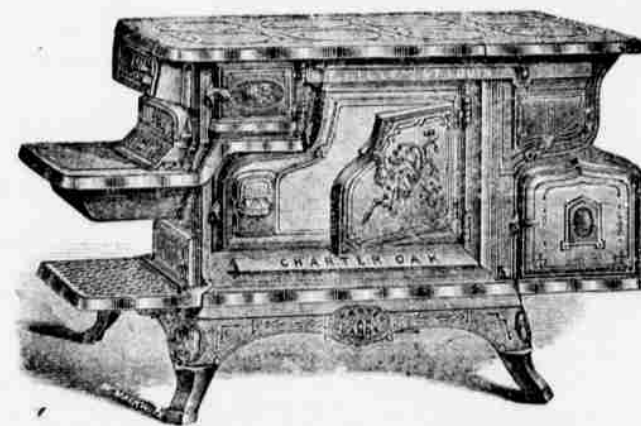
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